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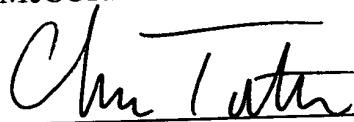
Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment to the present application be entered preliminary to its examination. Applicant submits that all claims are now in suitable form and content for examination.

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, applicant has provided a separate, marked up version of the amended claim, showing the change relative to the previous version of that claim (see attachment).

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment prior to consideration of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

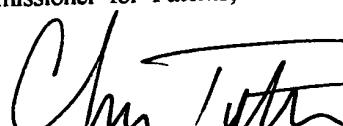
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

11. A folding knife, comprising:

a handle defining a blade cavity and a first end;

a blade having a first end and a second end opposite said first end; said first end of said blade having a blade pivot connected to said first end of said handle for pivotal movement of said blade about said blade pivot between an extended position wherein the blade is outside of said blade cavity and a retracted position wherein the blade is substantially within said blade cavity;

a [spring] longitudinally extending plunger carried in said blade cavity having a first end and second end opposite said first end;

a sleeve provided in said handle, said sleeve receiving and longitudinally slidably carrying said first end of said plunger for longitudinal movement of said plunger relative to said sleeve as said blade moves between said retracted and extended positions; and

 said second end of said plunger being pivotally connected to said first end of said blade for orbital movement about said blade pivot as said blade moves between said retracted and extended positions.